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For: MEDIA IDENTIFICATION FOR MAGNETIC TAPE DRIVE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [00041] on page 8, beginning at line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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CONTROLLING MEDIA LINEAR SPEED IN A HELICAL SCAN RECORDER, filed
November 10, 1994] and incorporated herein by reference.

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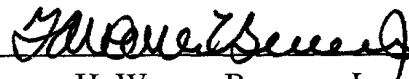
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification
by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings
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